Quick Guide to PhotoStory

To create you PhotoStory, please follow these directions.

1. Gather the components of the assignment – quotes, pictures, etc.
   1. **PICTURES**
   2. Save all **pictures** you will use in a memorable space (H drive, flash drive)
   3. Avoid saving pictures to the P drive
   4. TIP!!!
      1. When gathering pictures from the web, get the biggest file you can
      2. For example, when using Google Images, always click on “see full size image”
      3. Right click on the picture
      4. “Save picture as..”
      5. Be sure to remember where you saved the file (and what you called it!)
   5. **MUSIC**
   6. If you would like to use your own music, you’ll need to make sure that it is in one of the formats PhotoStory will accept (.wma, .wav, .mp3)
   7. If you have music on your iPod, those music files are stored on your computer under My Music / iTunes Music.
   8. But…..
   9. Those files cannot be used in PhotoStory!
      1. So….
      2. Make a playlist, burn that playlist, bring the CD to school, rip that song onto your H drive
      3. The ripped music file will be in a .wma format – a format you can use!
      4. OR…….
      5. Go into Preferences in iTunes (figure 1)
      6. Change the Import Setings to .mp3 (figure 2)
      7. Highlight the song you’d like to use in PhotoStory
      8. Go to Advanced menu
      9. Create an .mp3 version of the song you’d like to use.
      10. Cop that file to a flash drive and insert into PhotoStory.

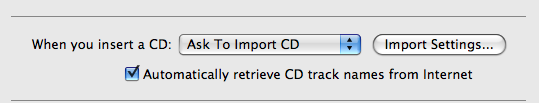


Figure 1

Figure 2

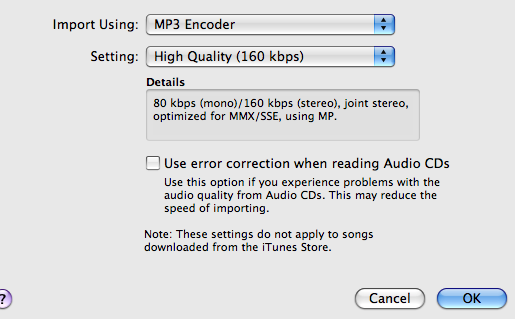
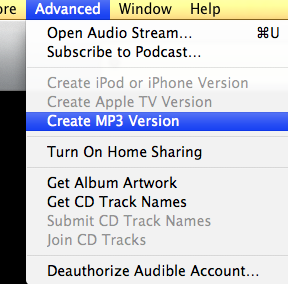


Figure 3



1. Start menu / programs / PhotoStory 3 for Windows
2. Begin a new story
3. Import pictures (middle of screen)
   1. Can do one at a time or a whole batch!
   2. Move photos around into the order you desire!
   3. You may choose to “remove black borders” or…not!
   4. Hit “next”
4. Add text
   1. Type in SHORT chunks of text
   2. Adjust alignment, location, font style, and color as needed to make it visible!
   3. Hit “next”
5. Narrate picture
   1. If you’d like
6. Adjust custom motion
   1. PhotoStory will automatically make each picture “move”
   2. Feel free to adjust the pictures’ motion by hand, if needed.
   3. Hit “next”
7. Add background music
   1. Select music….
      1. Check through your files for your own music
      2. Make sure it’s in the acceptable formats!
   2. Create music…
      1. Choose and adjust music from PhotoStory’s pre-created stuff
      2. Hit “next”
8. Save your story
   1. Save it as a “story for playback on your computer”
   2. Name it (middle of the screen)
   3. Make sure it is saved as a .wmv (which it does automatically!)
9. Turn assignment in.
   1. Turn in the .wmv to the appropriate location as specified by your amazing teacher.